



27th February 2025

Dear Parents,

Follow our school Instagram page on knocknagreens. We will be updating this regularly so you can see what is happening in school. All newsletters will be available under the newsletter tab, under parent's info tab on our website. Each family will also get a paper copy.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION ROUTINES

It has come to our attention that young pupils are being dropped off and left unsupervised outside the school. As this is a main road we ask that all children be supervised until the bell rings at 9.05am. School begins at 9.15am. We ask that children are dropped off no sooner than 9.05am. School finishes at 2:55pm (1:55pm for Junior and Senior infants). The school authority will not be responsible for the children on the school grounds outside of these times. Parents/ Guardians are asked to collect children from the school gate, children will not be allowed to leave school grounds without an adult.

PARENTS WHO NEED TO COME INTO THE SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON

If you need to meet a teacher at any time, please make an appointment by emailing the teacher or ringing the school beforehand. Please note, you can contact individual teachers through their individual school email or by using the contact form on our website. All contact details are available on the website.

ATTENDANCE

If your child has to leave school for part of the day, please send in a note informing the class teacher of his/her absence. Children must be signed out by whoever is collecting them if they leave for part of the day. Again, if the child is returning the child has to be signed in. Absence notes must be submitted for all absences when the child returns to school.

HEALTHY LUNCHES AND FOOD ALLERGIES

We encourage a healthy lunch. ***Chewing gum, fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets and crisps, are not allowed. We have pupils in the school with nut allergies. It is very important that pupils do not bring items to school that contain nuts. We ask parents and children to be vigilant as some products contain traces of nuts. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.***

BUS PARKING

There are young children on the bus so the bus needs to park at the gate. Please do not park on the bus stop. Keep this free for bus parking especially on days when school is closed early.

CHRISTMAS

In December we had a very successful Bake Sale and raised over €1100.00 for the school. Thank you to the 5th and 6th class students, their parents and grandparents for all the baking and to Kate Forde and Angela Dennehy for helping out on the day. Thank you to the PA and Lisa's Little Lions for organising and sponsoring the Christmas Hampers for each classroom.

BELLE THE MUSICAL

Children from 1st to 6th class will travel to SPSSL Rathmore to see "Belle" the musical on Wednesday 26th February.

AUTISM SPECIAL CLASS

The school is delighted to announce that the NCSE has sanctioned a special class for children with Autism to open in Knocknagree NS. This will open in the 25/26 school year. This will be in one of our existing classrooms which will be repurposed over the summer to facilitate the class.

MODULAR BUILDING

Work is scheduled to begin on the modular building in March and it is to be completed by the end of June. Two of our mainstream classes will move out to this building in the 25/26 school year.

SCHOOL LUNCHESES

Knocknagree NS expressed interest in the hot school meals scheme last May, however with the change in government, there is a delay with the department. They are hoping to advise us in the next few weeks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As a result of the questionnaire that was sent earlier in the month, our school uniform will consist of the half zip, polo shirt and unbranded tracksuit pants going forward. The school will keep a set of knitted crested school jumpers and grey trousers in school for confirmation classes. If you have a knitted school jumper/trousers for boys and girls in good condition that would fit 5th and 6th class pupils please donate to the school.

LEE STRAND

Ten tokens are required for each homework journal. It is a whole school effort and we are asking you to start collecting the tokens from the 1 litre or 2 litre Lee Strand Milk cartons so that we can avail of free homework journals for all pupils next year. As you collect the tokens you can send them in to school with your child/children.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

A big thank you to all those who called in for Grandparents Day. Thanks especially to the PA and the senior room pupils who provided refreshments and helped out on the day.

NEW JERSEYS

A set of jerseys and shorts have been orderd for the school. A big thank you to our sponsors Mairéad Rahilly, Lisa Riordan, Piotr Koziel and Darren Moynihan.

SOCCER

The boys and girls of 5th & 6th class recently competed in a 5-a- side tournament at Killarney Celtic, showcasing great skill and teamwork. They played with pride and sportsmanship, making it a fantastic day for all. Well done to everyone involved!

PEIL FAOI DHÍON IN MALLOW SPORTS COMPLEX

The 2nd & 3rd class boys and girls recently took part in the Peil Faoi Dhíon tournament at Mallow Sports Complex. Playing in separate groups, they enjoyed a fun filled day o f indoor football in a relaxed, non-competitive setting. It was a fantastic experience for all, with plenty of great play, teamwork, and smiles all throughout the day!

FOOTBALL

Football with Ian O Connor will resume in the coming weeks.

BOXFIT

Four sessions will be provided every Tuesday for four weeks. The cost of this will be covered from funds raised at Christmas.

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROGRAMME

As part of the scheme above, Knocknagree NS are currently in the process of getting solar panels and a display screen installed. The scheme will fund up to 6kwp of roof-mounted solar PV for our school, and includes connection to the grid and a monitoring system and display screen.

FIRST CONFESSION

The First Confession ceremony for 2nd class pupils will take place next Monday @1.30pm in the church. We ask that at least one adult attends for each pupil receiving the Sacrament of Penance. However, if the weather is bad, it may take place in the school.

SCHOOL TOURS

The Junior room will travel to The Farm Grenagh while the children in other classes will go West Cork Secrets in Kilbrittan. These outings will take place on 30th May. More details to follow later in the year.

ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

The pupils of Knocknagree NS are invited to take part in the St. Patricks Day parade in Knocknagree village, on the 17th March at 11am. We ask that children meet us at 10.45 at the playground. Children are invited to dress up in green for the occasion.

INITIATIVES

Fifth and sixth class pupils have been working very hard on their Blue star projects. They completed Geography, History and Art projects based on Europe and famous European landmarks.



GREEN FLAG

AS part of our Green Schools theme "TRAVEL" THIS YEAR THE Green Flag committee have organised cycle training for 5th & 6th class which begins on February 27th and continues for four weeks. The programme covers the following, rules of the road, core bicycle handling and road skills training, off road location training and on road location training. This programme is supported by The Department of Transport, The Road Safety Authority and Cycling Ireland. We hope the children enjoy it and learn a lot.



JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAMME

Fifth and sixth have also started the JEP and decided to create their own cookbook. At the moment, they are collecting recipes, typing them on Canva. We are currently asking some local business to sponsor them, which we hope will cover the cost of printing the books. We hope to have the project completed before Easter.



CURIOS MINDS

We will be celebrating Engineers Week on the 3rd to 7th March. We have ordered STEM kits from the company STEMWIZZ and all the pupils will get an opportunity to work with these. Karl O Connell will visit the school on Friday 7th March an support the children while they work with the STEM kits.



SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

Ms. Karen O Sullivan will deliver German classes to children from 3rd to 6th class over the coming weeks.

CREDIT UNION QUIZ

A big thank you to the children who took part in the Credit Union Quiz. Our under 13 team came 3rd and consisted of Denis Donnelly, Charlie Dunlea, Zach Linehan, & Alana Hickey. Our under 11 team also came 3rd and comprised of Doireann O Sullivan, Aoife O Sullivan, Clodagh Rahilly & Tyler Twomey. We are very proud of both teams.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11 th March staff meeting (School finishes at 1.55)	8 th May Staff meeting (School finishes at 1.55)
17 th March closed Bank Holiday	17 th May First Communion
14 th to 25 th April Closed Easter Holidays	2 nd June Closed Bank Holiday
May Standardised testing	11 th June Graduation Mass
5 th May closed Bank Holiday	16 th June Millstreet Sports
	20 th June closing midday Summer Holidays